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SUBJ: EXTRADITION - ROBERT L. VESCO

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1. THE EMBASSY HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING IF WALLACE-WHITFIELD'S BILL IS NEGOTIABLE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE A DIRECT APPROACH TO HIM BY THE EMBASSY ON THAT QUESTION WOULD BE ADVISABLE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS WORTH A TRY BY JUSTICE. ONE POSSIBLE APPROACH MIGHT FOCUS ON FACT THAT BRIEFING FEES FOR ASSISTING COUNSEL TOOTHE WERE EQUAL THAT OF WHITFIELD. (FYI: TOOTHE IS ONLY A JUNIOR PARTNER IN NASSAU LAW FIRM AND HIS LOCAL STATURE IS NOT COMMENSURATE WITH WHITFIELD'S).

2. EMBASSY CONCURS IN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JUSTICE AND WALLACE-WHITFIELD. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD BE KEPT PROMPTLY AND REGULARLY INFORMED ON THE PROGRESS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT WE CAN ANTICIPATE ANY POTENTIAL POLITICAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY ARISE.

3. AS DEPT IS AWARE, WALLACE-WHITFIELD IS FORMER LEADER OF OPPOSITION AND HIS RETURN TO ACTIVE POLITICS AND HIGH OFFICE CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. THEREFORE, WE ARE DEALING WITH A MAN WHOSE VIEWS ON U.S. MAY BECOME IMPORTANT AND POLITICALLY RELEVANT IN FUTURE, AND NOT JUST WITH A PRIVATE LAWYER. THIS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON FEES AND IS WHY

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WE URGE EMBASSY BE KEPT IN PICTURE AS THEY PROCEED.

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